

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, between lines 2 and 3, please replace the paragraph in its entirety with the following:

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--Cross-reference to a related application.

*D1* The present application is a continuation of PCT/FR98/01999, which was filed on September 17, 1999 1998.--

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Page 15, paragraph beginning at line 1, delete in its entirety and insert therefor the following new paragraph.

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--SEQ ID NO:1: Gene sequence for beta 2 toxin of type C *Clostridium perfringens* (nucleotides 1-327 of SEQ ID NO:1 is shown as SEQ ID NO:8).

*D2* SEQ ID NO:3: Sequence for beta 2 toxin gene promoter of type C *Clostridium perfringens*.

SEQ ID NO:4: Sequence for secretion signal of beta 2 toxin gene of type C *Clostridium perfringens*.

SEQ ID NO:6: Sequence of primer P318.

SEQ ID NO:7: Sequence of primer P292.—

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Page 28, after the last line, beginning on a new page, please replace the Sequence Listing filed August 12, 2002 with the attached substitute Sequence Listing.